

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2707 – HB 3042

January 18, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes multiple laws regarding the Animals and Animal Husbandry Law, as it specifically relates to the trade of dogs and cats and the regulation of the trade by the Department of Agriculture. Expands the definition of dealer. Increases criminal penalty to a Class A misdemeanor for violations. Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to issue civil penalties in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation; to obtain court ordered injunctions and restraining orders; and to confiscate animals as may be necessary to provide for humane treatment of such animals. Creates an inspection fee on pet food equal to \$2.00 per ton.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$510,000/Agricultural Regulatory Fund
Increase State Expenditures - \$275,000 Recurring / Agricultural
Regulatory Fund
\$25,000 One-Time/Agricultural
Regulatory Fund

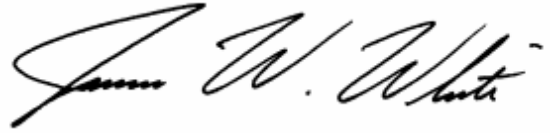
Increase Local Gov't. Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Agriculture (DOA), license fees are estimated to average \$60,000 per year.
- DOA estimates pet food tonnage to be 225,000 tons per year.
- Pet food tonnage fees are estimated to be \$450,000 (225,000 tons x \$2.00 tonnage fee = \$450,000) per year.
- Costs to the Department for five positions, travel for inspections, computers, supplies, programming and other related expenses.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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